



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 20, 2000

**S. 134
Gaylord Nelson Apostle Islands Stewardship Act of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on July 13, 2000*

S. 134 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to study land within the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin for possible inclusion in the National Wilderness System. The bill also would direct the Secretary to stabilize the land near two lighthouses at the lakeshore. Finally, the bill would allow the Secretary to execute cooperative agreements with government agencies and nonprofit organizations to aid in the development of recreational facilities. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$0.2 million for the wilderness study and \$3.9 million to stabilize the lighthouses.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts and based on information provided by the National Park Service, CBO estimates that the federal government would spend \$4.1 million over the next three years to complete the required study and stabilize two lighthouses at the lakeshore. CBO estimates that the cooperative agreements with local entities would not result in any significant cost.

S. 134 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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